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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM OF LABOR FUNCTIONARIES

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1. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING ON SEPT 23 APPROVED A MINISTRY OF LABOR PLAN TO RE-ASSIGN THE 34,000 EMPLOYEES BELONGING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS (AISS) OF THE DISMANTLED GOVT SYNDICAL ORGANIZATION (SSO). AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFTEL), THE LARGEST PORTION WILL GO TO THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, BUT 10 OTHER MINISTRIES WILL RECEIVE VARYING SHARES. THE AISS, AN ADMINISTRATIVE OCTOPUS, INCLUDED SUCH DISPARATE ELEMENTS AS THE MADRID CONSERVATIVE SENSATIONALIST DAILY NEWSPAPER "PUEBLO" AND A CHAIN OF RADIO STATIONS (TO MINISTRY OF CULTURE), A STATISTICAL SERVICE (TO MINISTRY OF ECONOMY), SOCIAL SERVICE CENTERS (TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY), AS WELL AS THE MORE TRADITIONAL AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, UNION RELATIONS, LABOR LAW, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, ETC. (TO MINISTRY OF LABOR).

2. THE APPROVED PLAN SPECIFIES THAT THE AFFECTED OFFICES WILL SWITCH "EN MASSE" TO THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES. WITHIN
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TWO MONTHS, THE INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE HANDLING THE TRANSFERS WILL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REGARDING THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF PERSONNEL, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED.

3. COMMENT: THE AISS WAS LEGALLY AN AUTONOMOUS BODY - THUS,

ITS EMPLOYEES WERE NOT CIVIL SERVANTS AND IN FACT MANY SYNDICAL
OFFICES WERE NOTORIOUS AS THE ELEPHANTS' GRAVEYARDS OF
ELDERLY FALANGISTS. THE EXISTING CIVIL SERVANTS OF THE
OTHER MINISTRIES, WHILE NOT WISHING TO SEE THE AISS PERSONNEL
THROWN ONTO THE STREET, ARE NATURALLY ANXIOUS ABOUT THE DETAILS
OF THE TRANSFERS, AND UNWILLING TO SEE THEM ELEVATED TO HIGH
CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS. THIS ATTITUDE WILL BE ESPECIALLY
TRUE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR. THE ANNOUNCED PLAN DOES NOT
YET ADDRESS THESE OBJECTIONS, AND THERE MAY BE FIREWORKS
WHEN THE COMMITTEE REPORTS IN TWO MONTHS. IN ANY EVENT,
THIS WOULD APPEAR TO JUST ABOUT CLOSE THE BOOKS ON THE
REMNANTS OF THE SSO - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE STILL UNRESOLVED
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